have commenced. Further, administrative approval and financial sanction for these projects have to be obtained from the Govt. of India. In view of these procedural requirements, it is too early at this stage to fix target for commercial operations.

Coal shortage

136. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether after alarm call of a 95-million tonne of coal shortage by 2012 Government have drawn up an emergency coal production plan;

(b) whether under this plan India's production target of 525 million tonne by 2011-2012 would be achieved;

(c) whether there is a dispute over this fact that additional production had not come into extent that it was expected due to non-approval of projects in Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(d) if so, what were targets set in Tenth Five Year Plan and to what extent it has been achieved;

(e) whether long term measure of coal are being considered in Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) To meet the burgeoning coal demand during XI Plan, Coal India Limited (CIL) has enhanced its coal production target of 2011-2012 to a level of 504.10 Mt which is about 141 Mt. more than the projection of 2006-07 and about 59 Mt more than earlier projections for XI Plan. Besides this, CIL under "Emergency Coal Production Plan" has identified 16 opencast projects/mines where production from the existing mines/projects will be enhanced to a higher level yielding additional 71.3 Mt. This incremental contribution from CIL would enable the coal sector to by and large meet the projected demand of steam coal. In view of limited reserves of coking coal, gap, between demand and supply of coking coal will have to be imported.

(c) The coal production of CIL in the terminal year of 9th Five year Plan i.e. 2001-02 was 279.65 Mt, an increase of 19.10 Mt from the terminal year of the 8th Five Year Plan. During the IX Plan period a total of 24 projects were approved out of which 9 projects contributed production of 9.38 Mt in the terminal year of IX Plan. The production growth of CIL had to be slackened due to sluggish coal demand during IX Plan period.

(d) Coal Production targets *vis-a-vis* actuals of CIL during 10th Five Year Plan are given below:-

Year	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	2006-07
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Target
CIL	288.00	290.69	298.50	306.36	314.00	323.58	343.00	363.80

During formulation of X Plan, CIL had set a coal production target of 350 Mt. for the terminal year i.e. 2006-07. In view of the growing coal demand, CIL has enhanced this target to a level of 363.80 Mt.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. As against earlier coal production projection of 445 Mt in 2011-12, CIL has enhanced its target by 59 Mt to reach a level of 504.10 Mt. This increase will be achieved by sustained production from existing mines and additional production from new projects identified for X & XI Plan Period.

Alignment of domestic coal prices

137. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, while inaugurating a two-day seminar on coal in Delhi on the 19th October, 2005, stated that it was time to align domestic coal prices with international prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) While inaugurating a two-day seminar on Coal (Coal Summit-2005) in Delhi on 19th October, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission had mentioned that as a general rule domestic